to property suffered due to floods in Andhra Pradesh during the months of August and September, 1986;

(b) whether the Central Government have sent any team to Andhra Pradesh to assess the extent of losses of life, property and also of crops ;

(c) if so, what are the details of the report submitted by the team; and

(d) what are the details of the assistance sought for by the Government of Andhra Pradesh and given by the Central Government so far for the flood relief to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The State Government have reported that 326 human lives were lost on account of heavy rains/floods and properties worth Rs. 1686.74 crores were damaged.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Based on the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief, a ceiling of expenditure amounting to Rs. 132.37 crores has been approved for flood relief in Andhra Pradesh against the request of the State Government for Rs. 1226.50 crores.

**D.D.A. flats at Vasant Kunj, Delhi**

468. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY :
SHRI K. GOPALAN ;
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State :

(a) what was the number of flats DDA proposed to construct at Vasant Kunj and what was the estimated cost for a flat, category-wise;

(b) what is the number of flats being constructed at present and the number of them which have been completed and by when the rest of them are likely to be completed.;

(c) how many flats were allotted to applicants initially and whether some of these allotments were subsequently cancelled, if so, what are the reasons for the same ;

(d) what steps are being taken to provide flats to htose whose allotments have since been cancelled; and

(e) whether any enquiry has been ordered to fix responsibility, if so, what are its terms of reference, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Grants for Indo-US agricultural research scheme**

469. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. administration has awarded any grants to Indian Researchers for Indo-U.S. cooperative agricultural research programmes ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) A list of the research projects, and grants provided to each project, is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 15].

**Changes in implementation of IRDP**

470. DR. R.K. PODDAR:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Rural Development has suggested a number of changes in the implementation of the Integrated Rural Development Programme on the basis of experiences gained by the Department ;

(b) if so, what are those changes; and

(c) what are the factors which necessitated such changes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of changes have been made in the implementation of IRDP. Some of the main steps taken to improve the implementation of IRDP during the Seventh Plan are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(c) On the basis of the experience gained during implementation of the programme in Sixth Plan, various evaluation reports observations made by the Prime Minister after his visits to a number of states, discussions with State Governments and feed back from the field visit by Ministers/Officers of the Department, the changes mentioned in Annexure I have been made to overcome the deficiencies noticed in programme implementation.

**Statement**

*Steps taken to improve the implementation of the IRD Programme in the VII Five Year Plan*

1. The poverty line has been kept at Rs. 6400. The income of the assisted families is to be raised to this level;

2. For identification purposes, the cut off point has been raised to Rs. 4800 per family. However, all the families with income upto Rs. 3500 have to be covered before taking up families with higher income;

3. A higher investment per family including package of assistance to enable proper return on investment, for new beneficiaries;

4. Supplemental dose of assistance of those families assisted during VI Plan who have not been able to cross the poverty line, for no fault of their own;

5. The approach of uniformity has been changed to one of selectivity based on poverty incidence;

6. Identification of beneficiaries must involve the people's representatives much more closely;

7. Efforts to improve the linkages through identifying bodies at district level for this purpose or the establishment of District Supply and Marketing Societies;

8. Increasing the coverage of women beneficiaries to 30;

9. Initiating a new scheme for the proper coordination of the training effort through the establishment of Composite Rural Training and Technology Centres. This scheme has been approved by the Government of India and guidelines are being issued separately;

10. The administrative set up at block, district and State level should be streamlined and strengthened, wherever necessary. A High Level Committee was also appointed to review the existing administrative arrangements for implementation of rural development programmes. The Committee has recently submitted its report which is under examination;